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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON ALLEGED VIOLENCE IN IRIAN JAYA

1. RADIO AND PRESS FEBRUARY 17 AND 18 CARRIED REPORT RELEASED IN SYDNEY BY CAMPAIGN FOR AN INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR TO EFFECT THAT INDONESIA HAD LAUNCHED ATTACKS ON IRIANESE NEAR JAYAPURA (CLOSE TO PNG BORDER) IN JANUARY. REPORT CLAIMED PNG DEFENSE FORCE HAD FORCED IRIANESE GUERRILLAS FLEEING TO PNG TO RETURN ACROSS BORDER AND HAD THEN SEALED BORDER. INFORMATION REPORTEDLY OBTAINED FROM RADIO MESSAGES MONITORED IN PNG AND THEN TELEPHONED TO REVOLUTIONARY PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF WEST PAPUA INFORMATION OFFICE IN DAKAR. REPORT ALLEGEDLY CAME FROM MR. BEN TANGAHHMA, FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

2. GPNG SPOKESMAN STATED GPNG WAS AWARE OF RECENT INCREASE IN BORDER ACTIVITIES IN IRIAN JAYA AND HAD UNCONFIRMED

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REPORTS OF FIGHTING BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS (PRESUMABLY

INDONESIANS AND WEST IRIANESE), BUT NOT ON THE SCALE DESCRIBED
IN SYDNEY RELEASE.

3. GPNG SPOKESMAN SAID PNG FONMIN KIKI HAD SENT LETTER DEC. 23
TO "MR. RUMKOREM WHO CALLS HIMSELF PRESIDENT OF WEST PAPUA
REVOLUTIONARY REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT". IN LETTER KIKI OFFERED TO
INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF DISSIDENTS ON UNDERSTANDING DISSIDENTS
WOULD NOT SEEK TO BE REPRESENTED IN ANY NEGOTIATION AS A GOVERNMENT.
KIKI WANTED TO GET THE TWO PARTIES TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE AND
GET THE DISSIDENTS BACK INTO THE IRIAN JAYA COMMUNITIES THEY
CAME FROM, SPOKESMAN SAID. KIKI'S LETTER INDICATED ARMED AND
UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF RUMKOREM'S ORGANIZATION SIGHTED ON PNG SOIL
WOULD HAVE THEIR ARMS CONFISCATED AND WOULD BE ESCORTED ACROSS
BORDER.

4. GPNG SPOKESMAN DENIED THAT PNG TROOPS HAD BEEN INVOLVED,
AND SAID GPNG HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WOUNDED IRIANESE VILLAGERS
CROSSING BORDER.
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